

I. PREFACE

§1: PROLOGUE: INTRODUCTIONS TO THE FOUR GOSPELS

Mark. 1:1

1 The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ [the son of God].

Matt. 1:1

1 The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham.

Luke 1:1–4

1 Inasmuch as many have attempted to compile an account of the things that have been accomplished among us,
2 just as those who from the beginning were eyewitnesses and servants of the word have delivered to us,
3 it seemed fitting for me also, having investigated everything carefully from the start,
to write to you in orderly sequence, most excellent Theophilus,
4 so that you might know the exact truth about the things you have been taught.

John 1:1–18

The Word was God

1:1–5

1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.
2 The same was in the beginning with God.
3 All things came into being through Him,
and apart from Him not one thing came into being that has come into being.
4 In Him was life; and the life was the light of men.
5 And the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it.

John and the True Light

1:6–13

6 There came a man, sent from God, whose name was John.
7 He came for a witness, that he might bear witness concerning the light, in order that all might believe through him.
8 He was not the light, but *came* in order that he might bear witness concerning the light.
9 There was the true light which, coming into the world, enlightens every man.
10 He was in the world, and the world came into being through Him, and the world did not know Him.
11 He came to His own *possession*, and those who were His own did not receive Him.
12 But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those believing in His name,
13 who were born not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.

The Word Became Flesh

1:14–18

14 And the Word became flesh and lived among us,
and we beheld His glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father, full of grace and truth.
15 John bore witness concerning Him and cried out, saying:
This is He of whom I said: The one coming after me has a higher rank than I, for He was before me.
16 For of His fullness we have all received, and grace upon grace.
17 For the Law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.
18 No one has seen God at any time. The only begotten God, who is in the bosom of the Father, He has explained Him.